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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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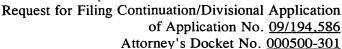Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a [x] continuation [ ] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. _09/194,586_ filed on _November 30, 1998_, for _A TEXTILE FIBER REINFORCED ABSORBENT MATERIAL_, by the following named inventor(s):

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(c)	Full Name	Tomas BILLGREN

[ ] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

[x] The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[ ] This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a)	Full Name	
(b)	Full Name	
(c)	Full Name	

[ ] This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a)	Full Name	
(b)	Full Name	
(c)	Full Name	

[ ] Applicant(s) suggests Figure __ for inclusion on the front page of the patent
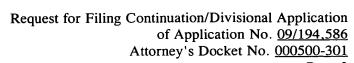
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application publication and/or patent.

1. [ ]   Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. ____ as originally filed on _____,
including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or
declaration as filed.

2. [x]   Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or
declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.

3. [ ]   Small entity status is hereby claimed.

4. [x]   The filing fee is calculated below [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary
amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	32	MINUS 20 =	12	× $18.00 (103) =	$216.00
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 3 =	2	× $80.00 (102) =	$160.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add $270.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					$1086.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of $_ if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					$1,086.00

5. [ ]   Charge $ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.

6. [X]   A check in the amount of $ 1,086.00 __ is enclosed for the fee due.

7. [X]   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any
overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

8. [ ]   Cancel in this application original claims ____ of the prior application before calculating
the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing
purposes.)

9. [x]   New drawings are enclosed.

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10. [x] Priority of Application No. _9602156-3___ filed on __May 31, 1996__ in __Sweden___ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

      [x] The certified copy of the priority application

          [ ] is enclosed.

          [x] was filed in prior Application No. PCT/SE97/00928.

          [ ] has not yet been filed.

11. [x] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

      [ ] --This application is a [ ] continuation [ ] divisional of Application No. _, filed on _.--.

      [x] --This application is a [x] continuation [ ] divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/194,586 , filed on _November 30, 1998_, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. _PCT/SE97/00928_ filed on _May 29, 1997_, which International Application [x] was [ ] was not published by the International Bureau in English on _4 December 1997_.--.

      [ ] --This application is a [ ] continuation [ ] divisional of U.S. Application No. _, filed on _, which was a continuation of International Application No. _, filed on _ , which International Application [ ] was [ ] was not published by the International Bureau in English on _.--.

12. [ ] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

13. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

14. [ ] A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.

15. [ ] Also enclosed _.

16. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to _.
      a. [x] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
      b. [ ] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
      c. [ ] Recognize as Associate Attorney _.

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d. [x] Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by
applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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